Extension Project of the Calcutta Circular Railway

407. SHRI CHITTA BASU:
SHRI R. K. MAZUMDER:

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 725 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 30th April, 1986 and state:

(a) whether any specific step has since been taken to implement the extension project of the Calcutta Circular Railway; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Planning Commission have cleared in March, 1986 Part I of the project envisaging provision of a single line from Dum Dum to Prinsep Ghat with diesel haulage at an estimated cost of Rs. 35 crores. By January, 1985, in stages, 10 km single line section with diesel haulage from Prinsep Ghat was commissioned. Further work is in progress.

Upto 31-3-1986 approximate expenditure on this project has been Rs. 14.40 crores. For 1986-87 a sum of Rs. 3.0 crores has been earmarked.

Central University in Cachar, Assam

408. SHRI CHITTA BASU:
SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 1082 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 5th March, 1986 and state:

(a) whether the people of Cachar District in Assam have been demanding the setting up of a Central University since long; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to information available, the State Government had decided to set up a university in the Barak Valley. The question of establishing new universities in the State, whether Central or State, is under consideration in consultation with all concerned.

Literacy among SC/ST

409. SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in spite of a number of incentive schemes provided to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes students an appreciable increase in literacy and other educational developments are not noticed among these communities in comparison to other communities in the country especially in Orissa; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) No, Sir. The percentage increase in literacy rates during the years 1971—81 and enrolment rates at primary and middle stages between the years 1973-74 and 1983-84 is more for S.C. and S.T. population proportionately as compared with the total population of the country.

(b) Does not arise.

Performance of Adult Education Programme in Orissa

410. SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state whether Government propose to re-